

ANCIENT YPRES NOW UTTERLY DESTROYED

Former Capital of Flanders
Center of Fierce Battles.

The very ancient and historic city of Ypres is no more. It has been entirely destroyed during the hot fighting between the allies and the Germans that has raged about it. Its famous Cloth Hall and its ancient cathedral have been laid low in the dust, and scarce even the remains of a house are left standing. All the little suburbs and places in the district have also shared the sad fate of Ypres, whose destruction was completed when the city was swept by flames. Fanned by the wind and fed by scores of bombs fired into the ruins by the Germans,



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CATHEDRAL OF ST. MARTIN, YPRES.

the vast conflagration spread until hardly a vestige of the old town remains.

The town of Ypres is situated only twenty miles from the French frontier and was in olden times the capital of flourishing Flanders. Times were very troubled in those days, as they are just now, and Ypres took a prominent part in all the great events. The town was attacked by both the French and English with Ypres fighting sometimes on one side and sometimes on the other. It suffered greatly during the great religious wars of the middle ages, and nearly all the great armies of Europe have at one time or another marched through Ypres. In the fourteenth century it had 200,000 inhabitants, but at the opening of the present war it had barely 17,000. Its famous Cloth Hall and the Cathedral of St. Martin were its principal and most interesting structures. To Cloth Hall in the olden times cloth merchants came to sell their wares, and the building was the finest of its kind in all Belgium.

A WOMAN OF NERVE.

Mrs. Carman Throughout Her Two Trials Showed Remarkable Control. Again Mrs. Florence Carman has been brought into the fierce limelight of publicity through her second trial for the murder of Mrs. Louise Bailey, who was shot to death in the anteroom of Dr. Carman's office in Freeport, N. Y. The first trial resulted in a disagreement, the second trial resulting in acquittal. In the second trial Mrs. Car-



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MRS. FLORENCE CARMAN.

man appeared in a measure to conduct her own case. She frequently gave advice to her lawyer and even took a hand in the selection of the jury. Throughout the two trials Mrs. Carman showed a remarkable control over her emotions and seemed more like an interested and intelligent spectator than like one who was playing the victim role as the defendant in a trial for murder.

SIRES AND SONS.

Mr. Lloyd-George was born in Manchester.

A. J. Balfour, noted British politician, is now sixty-six.

F. M. Ball has completed fifty years of service in the New York postoffice.

Dr. Archibald M. Fauntleroy, surgeon attached to the Navy hospital at Washington, has been designated by Secretary Daniels to make an observation tour of the war hospitals of France, Belgium and England.

Clarke Butler Whittier, successor to Judge Emlin McClain as head of the law department of Leland Stanford university, graduated from that school in 1893. Since 1902 he has been professor of law at the University of Chicago.

General Roger A. Pryor now lives in New York city, a hale and active citizen, although eighty-seven years of age. General Pryor, who was born in Virginia in 1828, was member, in turn, of the United States congress and Confederate congress and general in the Confederate army.

Gustav Hollaender, one of the most potent musical educational factors in Germany, recently celebrated his sixty-eighth birthday. Twenty years ago he took over the Stern conservatory of Berlin. Last year it numbered some 1,400 pupils, with representatives from practically every civilized country in the world.

Industrial Items.

St. Paul shoe factories employ 2,500 persons.

Forty per cent of New York city's factory workers have the eight hour day.

The first inquiry in America into the wages of working girls was inaugurated in Massachusetts in 1911.

With adequate provision to save all the benzol and tar liberated in American coke ovens, enough of the ten crudes could be secured to more than cover the world's consumption in making artificial dyestuffs.

Recent Inventions.

Electrical machinery has been invented to reset the pins in bowling alleys.

Shears of a new design have no finger loops, a spring opening the blades after they are pressed together.

For the aid of cripples a Texas inventor has patented a crutch with a folding camp stool between its sides.

The outer walls of a new safe are perforated to permit the gases of an explosion to escape and thereby thwart a burglar who tries to blow it open.

Science Siftings.

It is normal for a man to breathe eighteen times a minute.

If the sun were made of solid coal it would burn out in less than 5,000 years.

A "foot pound" is the force exerted to raise one pound a perpendicular distance of one foot from the earth.

A process has been discovered in Japan by which silkworms may be raised ten times a year instead of twice, as usual, and better silk produced.

Pert Personals.

Chauncey M. Depew has celebrated his eighty-first birthday and is now almost as old as some of his anecdotes.—Houston Post.

The threat to investigate Mr. Morgan in England will hardly bother him any. He is pretty well insured to investigations.—Philadelphia Press.

Jack Johnson has suddenly become so obscure that it may even be possible for him to travel incognito and evade the police.—Washington Star.

SHORT AND SHARP.

Any one can be successful as a hunter of trouble.

Where do the Mexican factions get all their money?

When a man borrows trouble, imagination is the loan agent.

If some people are busy they imagine they are overworked.

Happiness is merely the art of making what we get fit our desires.

When trouble calls we are more apt to be at home than when fortune knocks.

"The sweet girl graduate" may be a joke, but average American men can take a joke.

If the average bill of fare resembled the items in the health food column the h. c. of I. would soon be solved.

Europe is making straw hats of wood. The heads that wear them appear to be the only cheap material at present.

Adversity is sometimes hard upon a man. But for one man who can stand property there are a hundred that will stand adversity.

It isn't so much the amount of the indemnity to be demanded from the vanquished in the war, but how will the cash be raised?

The war has brought about the rediscovery of Iceland, which has now diverted its trade to us because of a certain squeamishness against navigating among mines.

DEADLY TORPEDO RULER OF SEA

Lost Lusitania an Example of
Submarine Dangers.

THE torpedo is rapidly proving itself as the real terror, the real ruler, of the sea. The awful disaster of the Lusitania is but a dire example of what this comparatively new and frightful engine of destruction can accomplish. A torpedo fitted with the newest type of gyroscope rudder is more deadly than a shell from the biggest naval gun, and the accuracy with which it glides through the water to its prey is almost uncanny.

As soon as a torpedo hits its mark it explodes automatically, and there are only two methods of defense against it. One is to locate and shell the attacking torpedo boat or submarine; the other to drop steel wire nets all round the ship. These nets are by no means an infallible protection, however. The want of protection afforded the Lusitania has been generally criticised. She had no nets, and there were no torpedo boats or submarine destroyers on hand to protect her.

Torpedoes of modern type, fired in salvo, have scored one hit in three shots at a range of three and three-quarters miles in actual experiments made by the German navy. It was claimed last year that a squadron could be attacked at six and a quarter miles.

The German torpedo or torpedoes that destroyed the Lusitania were fired at a range of not more than 1,000 yards, and the torpedoes themselves probably traveled at a speed in excess of forty knots. The submarine or submarines from which the weapons were discharged were submerged not more than fifteen feet, and they had plenty of time to get the exact range before the torpedoes were discharged. Fur-

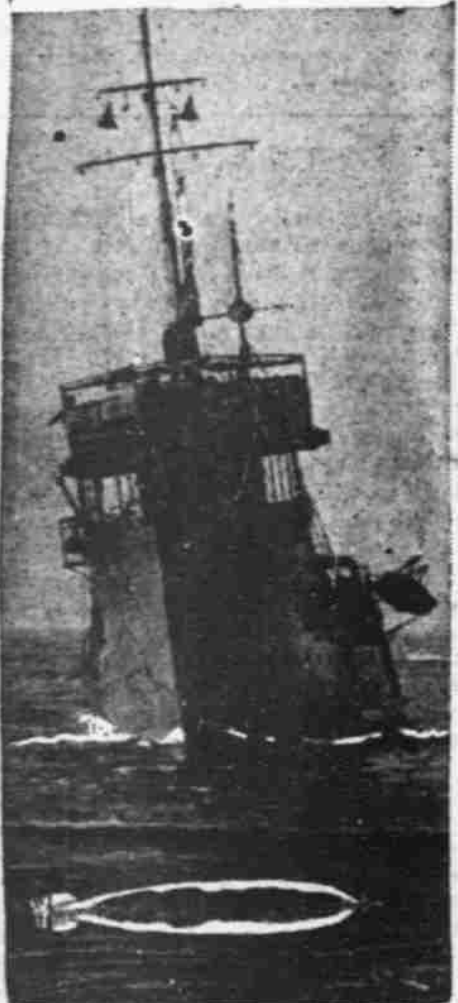


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DESTROYER AND TORPEDO IN ACTION.

thermore, the torpedoes were of the most modern and powerful type and of the highest possible speed.

In Charles W. Demille-Fife's book entitled "Submarine Engineering of Today" is a chapter devoted to the torpedo, in which Mr. Fife says:

"The modern torpedo varies in length from fourteen to nineteen feet and weighs up to half a ton. It has an extreme range of 4,000 yards. The blunt nose, or 'war head,' as it is called, is the business end of the torpedo and contains the dry and wet gun cotton and the fulminate of mercury necessary for the explosion. Behind the explosive head is the air chamber to hold the compressed air by which motive power is furnished. Then we come to the search chamber, or 'brain' of the weapon, which contains most marvelous mechanism for directing and controlling the machine. Next comes the engine room and, at the tail of the torpedo, the buoyancy chamber.

"So marvelous is its mechanism that in favorable circumstances a torpedo well aimed may be depended upon to strike within a yard or two of the spot aimed at. Briefly described, the gyroscope is a rotating wheel which automatically controls the torpedo's course.

"The method of firing a torpedo is very much like that of discharging a gun. It is expelled from a torpedo tube by compressed air. Upon reaching the water the torpedo is driven by its screws in the required direction. The missile is guided by a very ingenious invention called a 'torpedo director.' This is a little brass instrument fitted with 'sights' like a gun. When the sights are aligned on the enemy the officer in charge presses a key, and electricity causes the discharge."

American submarine officers say that, while the Whitehead type of torpedo embodies the principal feature of all torpedoes fired from submarine tubes, it is possible that the Germans may be using a torpedo that in certain particulars may differ from the Whitehead.

DAMES AND DAUGHTERS.

In 1904, at the age of sixty-three, Adeline Patti made her twelfth "farewell" to America.

Mrs. J. L. Gardner of Boston owns a bedspread for which she paid \$1,200. It is made of French fillet lace.

Evelyn McComus, who owns many Cripple Creek mines, says, "I was born single, and I intend to remain single."

The Marchioness of Tweeddale, whose name is pronounced "Tweedle," is called the most beautiful woman in the British peerage. She is the daughter of a famous Greek family now Anglicized.

Probably the youngest marksman with records over the traps that compel recognition is Miss Beatrice McKay of Brooklyn. Miss McKay does not compromise on divided skirts, but wears out and out trousers like her brother marksman.

Echoes of the War.

A busy submarine is very much like necessity—it knows no law.—Chicago News.

The bayonet is still one point of the war view which none of the nations seems inclined to take.—Washington Post.

Hague agreements are all good in time of peace, but when war comes Hague agreements are not allowed on the firing line.—Philadelphia Press.

If the women can't do anything to stop the war let it at least be remembered in their favor that they didn't do anything to start it.—Chicago Herald.

It may not be the last big war in history. But it will be a long time before the nations now engaged in hostilities get their finances in shape for another fight.—Washington Star.

PITH AND POINT.

If you're hitting a fast pace beware lest you skid.

A friend in need is a friend you ought to help.

A little learning is seldom as dangerous as a little ignorance.

Nine months of war in the east have not made it more pronounceable.

And after the war who shall arbitrate the arbitration of the arbitrators?

Wealth does not always make us more contented, but it usually makes us harder to please.

There is something wrong with the life program of the individual who cannot smile before noon.

The war will not cause a rouge famine, as feared. So the future has a rosy look on the face of it.

The serious trouble is that the man who knows it all isn't in a class by himself. There are too many of him.

If they keep on increasing the range of those big guns we may have to remove some of our coast cities farther inland.

Edison has invented a process for keeping the air of submarines pure. But why this discrimination in favor of submarines?

It begins to look as though the kings are determined to fight it out on this line if it takes every beloved subject in their respective domains.

Europe so far has issued war loans aggregating nine billions. This will come pretty near to "staggering humanity" when it comes to paying it.

State Lines.

Montana and Nevada have no usury laws.

Texas last year recorded bond issues totalling over \$11,000,000 for public improvements.

Massachusetts last year received \$905,000.09 for its road fund from auto license fees.

California is the second largest state in the Union in size and is an empire in itself, its area being no less than 158,300 square miles, exceeding that of the whole of Great Britain, with Belgium, Holland, Switzerland and Bavaria added.

College and School.

A pharmacy preparatory course for boys has been introduced into Chicago's public schools.

Wherever required New Zealand establishes schools for the Maori children. In 1912 there were 108 schools.

Barnard college, sister to Columbia university, recently celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of its foundation.

A traveling museum that goes to the public schools with illustrative material at the time it is needed is successfully used by the St. Louis schools.

The Royal Box.

Only Protestants may sit on the throne of England.

It is said that the kaiser possesses a large collection of caricatures of himself.

King Haakon of Norway is said to have easily assumed the free and cordial manners of the Scandinavian kings. He shakes hands with the clergy at church, speaks oftentimes of Queen Maud simply as "my wife" and does not scorn to walk down Karl Johans garden at Christiania quite as an ordinary citizen.

YOUNG TARS OFF FOR TRAINING CRUISE

Ship Will Take In San Francisco
Fair Via Panama Canal.

Just recently the New York state nautical schoolship sailed away for West Indian waters and started the longest cruise in her history. She will have logged 15,385 miles before she rounds Sandy Hook on the return voyage next fall. The 110 cadets aboard will have then seen many points of interest in the western hemisphere. Heretofore the cruiser has been to European waters. This time the schoolship will touch at West Indian points, then pass through the Panama canal and head for Honolulu. On the return from Hawaii the Newport will touch



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FAREWELLS AT THE START OF THE CRUISE at San Francisco so the cadets can visit the exposition. She will arrive back in New York about the middle of October.

On the return of the ship the first class will be graduated. The graduates will have had two years of thorough training and also the practical knowledge of a cruise to European waters, which was taken last year, as well as the experience gained in the present cruise.

The officer instructors are furnished by the navy department. The cadets must be upon entrance between the ages of sixteen and twenty and must have had the equivalent of two years' high school education.

A HERO OF THE LUSITANIA.

Lindon W. Bates, Jr., of Belgian Relief Committee Gave Life Belt to Woman.

In the death of Lindon Bates, Jr., one of the victims of the Lusitania disaster, the commission for relief in Belgium has sustained a great loss. Lindon Bates, Jr., was from the beginning a member of the active executive committee of the commission in New York and London. He started and personally administered through all the early crucial months the organization department, for which his political experience, pre-eminently fitted him. The basic forms, mechanism and methods of the commission in America were his.



LINDON W. BATES, JR.

They have proved their great efficiency and elasticity at all times to suddenly care for the vital emergency of saving a nation of seven millions.

His last mission was to study in London and on the spot in Belgium how best to meet the greatest crisis sure to befall next autumn. He gave himself freely in large things and in small, to the very last minute of his life, to the services of others with simple and modest heroism. He took his life belt from around him and gave it to a woman, and heroically went to his doom. He was but thirty-two years old.

His parents have received many messages of sympathy, among them the following from King Albert of Belgium: "I learn with deep affliction of the death of your son, traveling to aid our distressed people, and express to you my most sincere sympathy."

BRIGHT BRIEFS.

Things left unsaid avert a great deal of trouble.

It's a wise war orphan who knows what it's all about.

If you must practice exaggeration don't try it on your troubles.

It is better to be on time, even if you have to wait for the other fellow.

The latest thing in bombs is a gas that affects the enemy with homesickness.

When the war is over and the royal kin sit at a celebration feast who will be Macgregor?

Some men are so constituted that all of their sympathy is for the can that's tied to the dog.

A man can insist that wealth is a burden and yet break his back holding on to his share.

A few installments of the Nobel prize might be devoted to renovation and reorganization at The Hague.

Though the hairs of our heads are said to be numbered, we can never get the back numbers that are missing.

All jokes about the Swiss navy are off. The Swiss have just bought armed motorboats to patrol Lake Constance.

Now that Culebra cut has been honored by a change of name to Galliard cut, it surely will succeed in being good enough to live down its past.

Difference of opinion as to whether the electric chair is any better than the gallows. Only way to settle it is to let some one try both and submit a report to a committee of arbitration.

Short Stories.

There are upward of 30,000,000 grapes in the Lake Erie valley.

"The concert of Europe" consisted of the six principal powers—Great Britain, France, Russia, Italy, Austria and Germany.

Sulphur mining in the Canary islands has been abandoned owing to the high temperature encountered a little below the surface.

The Argentine Republic has never become reconciled to the British occupation of the Falkland Islands as a naval base and annually lodges an official protest.

The old name for the sunflower was solsoose, the sun follower. The ancient sunflower, or sun follower, was the marigold. The tall plants of the present day are of American origin.

Flippant Flings.

No one has suggested that poems written to the Liberty bell be used to stop the crack in it.—Atlanta Constitution.

The United States last year exported nuts to the value of \$33,008,778—and didn't get rid of all of them at that.—Detroit Free Press.

Asphyxiating gas would be more effective in politics than the kind we are so much accustomed to, but it won't be allowed.—Philadelphia Press.

The discovery of the petrified stump of a tree in British Guiana is held to identify the spot as the garden of Eden. The absence of a fossilized serpent, however, leaves the proof incomplete.—New York World.

Fashion Frills.

Besides, if the skirts get much shorter this summer there will be no excuse for making them as thin as they were last summer.—Dallas News.

Even haberdashers are returning to the normal. It is announced that the bows on men's hats have shifted around to the side again.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

No matter whether skirts are narrow or wide, the corset manufacturers always say that they're the very kind that require a new style corset to give that grace and poise of carriage so greatly to be desired.—Ohio State Journal.

German Gleanings.

All soldiers in the German army are taught the history of the Prussian royal family.

The latest fashion for German children is the "Hindenburg" blouse, named after the famous general. It is made in the German and Austrian national colors.

Berlin women are not worried by the servant problem. If a maid is discharged at 3 o'clock, at 4 there will be a dozen girls clamoring for the place. Every servant has to carry a little book, which contains testimonials from her various employers.

Base Hits.

It is one thing to get to the top of the league and another to stay there.—Detroit Free Press.

A writer complains that baseball fans get no exercise. He forgets about the vocal cords.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

How much more interesting is baseball when it is played out of doors than when it is confined to courtrooms—Chicago News.

If that Sing Sing baseball team developed a \$20,000 beauty there would be no trouble getting a monster petition for his pardon.—Baltimore American.